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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER I PROPOSE TO SEND SHAIKH KHALIFA:

QUOTE YOUR HIGHNESS:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONFIRM BY THIS LETTER THE UNDERSTANDING WE HAVE REACHED WITH RESPECT TO FUNDING A NUMBER OF GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SYRIANS IN THE UNITED STATES. MY GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED TO JOIN WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES IN THIS WORTHY PROJECT.

1. BOTH GOVERNMENTS JOINTLY UNDERTAKE TO SUPPORT, ON A MATCHING BASIS, A PROGRAM OF UP TO 20 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SYRIANS IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. EACH GOVERNMENT WILL ACCORDINGLY BUDGET SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN THE INITIAL YEAR TO SUPPORT 10 SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE EXPECTATION THAT THIS LEVEL OF EXPENDITURE WILL BE MAINTAINED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS SO AS TO ENABLE THE STUDENTS TO COMPLETE THEIR COURSE OF STUDIES, AND FOR NEW STUDENTS TO BE SELECTED TO REPLACE THOSE THAT COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE PRECISE NUMBER OF SCHOLARS AT ANY GIVEN TIME WILL DEPEND ON CERTAIN VARIABLES SUCH AS THE SYRIAN GOVERN-
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MENT'S WILLINGNESS TO USE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SCHOLAR-

SHIPS AVAILABLE, IDENTIFICATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES, ETC.
IN ANY CASE, AS CANDIDATES ARE ACCEPTED, THEY WILL BE PLACED
ON THE US AND UAE ACCOUNT ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS UP TO A
MAXIMUM OF 10 FOR EACH ACCOUNT.

3. ON THE BASIS OF AN ESTIMATED COST PER STUDENT EACH YEAR
OF \$8-10,000, YOUR GOVERNMENT AGREES TO OPEN AN INTEREST-BEARING
ACCOUNT IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS AT THE BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE
IN THE INITIAL AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE
UAE PORTION OF THIS PROGRAM. EXPENSES IN SUPPORT OF THE UAE-FUNDED
SCHOLARS WILL BE APPROVED BY A REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATED BY
YOUR HIGHNESS AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE US EMBASSY, WITH DISBURSE-
MENTS TO BE MADE FROM THE BCC ACCOUNT OVER THEIR JOINT SIGNATURE. ANY
UNEXPENDED FUNDS REMAINING IN THE ACCOUNT AFTER THE FIRST YEAR
EXPENDITURES ARE MET WILL BE APPLIED TO SUPPORTING THE PROGRAM IN
THE ENSUING YEAR.

4. THE US EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE YOUR HIGHNESS' REPRESENTATIVE WITH PERIODIC REPORTS ON THE NAMES OF THE STUDENTS
BEING FUNDED BY THE UAE, THE UNIVERSITIES THEY ARE ATTENDING,
AND THE COURSES OF STUDY THEY ARE FOLLOWING.

YOUR HIGHNESS' REPLY TO THIS LETTER, INDICATING AGREEMENT
WITH ITS PROPOSED TERMS AND ARRANGEMENTS, WILL CONSTITUTE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN US. UNQUOTE.
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